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Division of Drinking Water

February 6, 2015
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Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
7770 County Road 29
Glenn, CA 95943

Attention: Lance Atkins, Site Manager

RE: Syngenta Seeds, Inc., Public Water System No. 1100102 – Citation No. 21-15C-008 for Exceedance of the Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level in January 2015.

Dear Lance Atkins,

Enclosed is a citation issued to Syngenta Seeds, Inc. (System). The citation is being issued because the System failed to achieve the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria during January 2015. Please read this citation carefully. A Boil Water notification is required to alert those served by the System that the water is unsafe to drink.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for the Division to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation. In accordance with Section 116577, the System will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. The current reimbursement rate is approximately \$128 per hour.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Paul Rowe at (530) 224-4866 or me at (530) 224-4861.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Crenshaw".

Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E.
Valley District Engineer
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Enclosures

FELICIA MARCUS, CHAIR | THOMAS HOWARD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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1 **Citation No. 21-15C-008**

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3 **STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
4 **WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**
5 **DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**
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7 **Public Water System:** Syngenta Seeds, Inc.

8 **Water System No.:** 1100102
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10 **To:** Syngenta Seeds, Inc.
11 Attn: Lance Atkins, Site Manager
12 7770 County Road 29
13 Glenn, CA 95943
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15 **Issued:** February 6, 2015
16 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL
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18 **CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE**
19 **With Title 22 California Code of Regulations**
20 **Section 64426.1(b)**
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22 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the
23 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe
24 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with
25 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.
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27 The State Water Resources Control Board (hereinafter "Board"), acting by and
28 through its Division of Drinking Water (hereinafter "Division") and the Deputy Director

for the Division, hereby issues a citation to Syngenta Seeds, Inc. for failure to comply with Section 64426.1 (b), Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES

Section 116650 of the CHSC states:

(a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

(b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

(c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition constituting the violation.

(d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in subdivision (e).

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2 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed
3 one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation
4 occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A
5 separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.
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7 Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the CCR states:
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9 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL
10 [maximum contaminant level] when any of the following
11 occurs:
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13 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40
14 samples per month, more than 5.0 percent of the
15 samples collected during any month are total coliform-
16 positive; or
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18 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than
19 40 samples per month, more than one sample
20 collected during any month is total coliform-positive; or
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22 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or *E. coli*-
23 positive; or
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25 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive
26 or *E. coli*-positive routine sample is total coliform-
27 positive.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Syngenta Seeds, Inc., domestic water system (System) is classified as a non-transient non-community water system serving approximately 35 persons. In accordance with Section 64423 of Title 22, the System is required to collect one routine bacteriological sample per month, unless there was a positive bacteriological sample, in which case, five routine bacteriological samples are required the following month. On January 26, 2015, the System collected five routine samples from the distribution system, four (4) of which contained the presence of total coliform, and of those four, two (2) of which contained Escherichia-coli (E. coli) bacteria. The cause of contamination is unknown at this time.

DETERMINATIONS

The Division has determined that the System violated Section 64426.1(b)(2), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the System exceeded the total coliform MCL during the month of January 2015.

DIRECTIVES

The System is hereby directed to take the following actions:

1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring periods.
2. **Immediately upon the of the issuance of this Citation**, notify all persons to boil water or use bottled water by posting the attached **Boil Water Notice** (Attachment 'A').

1 3. Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall not be made unless
2 approved by the Division.

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4 4. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public
5 Notification" form **within 10 days** of giving public notice. A copy of the notice
6 used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.
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9 The completed and signed copy of Attachment 'B' shall be submitted to the following
10 address:

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12 Reese B. Crenshaw, P. E.

13 Valley District Engineer

14 Drinking Water Field Operations

15 Division of Drinking Water

16 State Water Resources Control Board

17 364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101

18 Redding, CA 96002

19 (530) 224-4800
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21 Nothing in this Citation relieves the System of its obligation to meet the requirements
22 of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California Safe
23 Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or adopted
24 thereunder.
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1 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it may
2 deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be
3 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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5 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

6 The California SDWA authorizes the Board to: issue citation with assessment of
7 administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation
8 of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order
9 issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a
10 violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also
11 authorizes the Board to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been
12 issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or
13 regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Board; and to petition the
14 superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system
15 that has failed to comply with violates an order of the Board. The Board does not
16 waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

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18 **PARTIES BOUND**

19 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the System, its officers, directors,
20 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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22 **SEVERABILITY**

23 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Syngenta Seeds, Inc. shall comply
24 with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other
25 provision.

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R. Crenshaw

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Reese B. Crenshaw, P.E., District Engineer
Valley District
Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

Date

Attachments:

'A' Boil Water Notice

'B' Certification of Completion



Date: February 6, 2015

BOIL WATER NOTICE

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Failure to follow this advisory could result in stomach or intestinal illness.

Due to recent detection of Escherichia coli (E. coli) in the drinking water, the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Drinking Water, in conjunction with Syngenta Seeds, Inc., are advising all persons served by the Syngenta Seeds, Inc. water system to use boiled tap water or bottled water for drinking and cooking purposes as a safety precaution.

DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST. Bring all water to a boil, **let it boil for one (1) minute**, and let it cool before using, or use bottled water. Boiled or bottled water should be used for drinking and food preparation **until further notice**. This is the preferred method to assure that the water is safe to drink.

We will inform you when tests show that water is safe to drink and you no longer need to boil your water. **We anticipate resolving the problem within** _____

For more information call:

Lance Atkins, Site Manager
7770 County Road 29
Glenn, CA 95943
(530) 893-4718

State Water Resources Control Board – Drinking Water Field Operations Branch- District Office at 530-224-4861.

Local Environmental Health Jurisdiction: Glenn County Environmental at (530) 934-6102.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION

This form, when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by the California Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. Completing public notification and providing the Division with certification is important. Failure to do so will result in additional hourly time charges to your water utility and may result in a formal enforcement action with monetary penalties.

Public Water System Name Syngenta Seeds, Inc.

Public Water System No. 1100102

Public notification for the January 2015 bacteriological failure was performed by the following method:

 Posting in conspicuous locations throughout the area served by the water system; or

 Mail, email, or hand delivery to persons served by the water system.

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

Printed Name

Signature

Date